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SUBJECT: BARLEY REEXPORT

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1. AGATT RECEIVED INFO CUBAN SHIPMENT FROM GOL CEREALS AND SUGAR-BEET OFFICE (CSO) WHILE PREPARING LB3002. IN THAT FOURTH QUARTERLY COMPLIANCE REPORT UNDER CSO PREPARATION AT SAME TIME, AGATT ANTICIPATED CSO REPORT WOULD CONTAIN DETAILS SHIPMENTS CUBA, AS THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT DID NOT. FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT LB3003 SUBMITTED MARCH 9 INDICATES NO REPEAT NO BARLEY REEXPORTS CUBA, BUT DOES SHOW 5,800 TONS LIBYA.

2. AGATT HAS REQUESTED IN WRITING TO CSO VERIFICATION OF REPORTED SHIPMENT CUBA AND DETAIL REQUESTED PARA 2 REFTEL. AGATT HAS APPOINTMENT CSO DIRECTOR GENERAL TOUMA, MARCH 16.

3. IN MEANTIME, AGATT CONTACTED TRADE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BARLEY REEXPORTS. FIRM HANDLING REEXPORTS IRAQI BARLEY LIBYA INDICATED SHIPMENTS QUOTE ANOTHER COUNTRY UNQUOTE BUT DID NOT IDENTIFY. BARLEY REEXPORTS LIBYA CONTINUING AND MAY TOTAL 35,000 TONS WHEN COMPLETED. LIBYAN DEAL IN QUESTION CLOSED JUNE 1972 BY COOK INDUSTRIES FOR 7 5,000 TONS INVOLVING DIRECT SHIPMENTS TURKISH, FRENCH AND CANADIAN BARLEY AS WELL AS IRAQI VIA LEBANON. AGATT UNCLEAR BREAKDOWN IRAQI BARLEY SIMPLY TRANSSHIMENT LEBANON

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VERSUS IMPORT THEN REEXPORT. REPORTEDLY LATTER NECESSARY AS
BEIRUT
PORT SILOS UNABLE RECEIVE CERTAIN SHIPMENTS IRAQI BARLEY DIRECT
FROM TRUCKS ARRIVING FROM IRAQ SO EXPORTER ARRANGED ASSEMBLING
ELSEWHERE. REPORTEDLY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS REQUIRED IMPORT
FORMALITIES EXECUTED THESE SHIPMENTS.

4. APPEARS HIGHLY LIKELY CUBAN SHIPMENT INVOLVES TRANSSHIPMENT
IRAQI BARLEY AND AT WORST BECAUSE PHYSICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
DIFFICULTIES HANDLING BARLEY MENTIONED PARA 3 TRANSACTION
APPEARED AS EXPORT ON CUSTOMS REPORT TO CSO.
EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER CSO FINDINGS CUBAN SHIPMENT ASAP
FOLLOWING TOUMA MEETING.

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